

ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Jail Management Division Funds Transfer –
AMENDMENT TO COMM. 1E - 19

I. **Summary of Recommended Action**

The attached resolution has been requested by the Sheriff's and County Executive's office to allocate funds from the Telephone Revenue account for: an ADA compliant inmate transportation van, correctional facility and holding center security video upgrade project, mail contraband screener, necessary software and service agreements, six multi-seat stainless tables for the correctional facility, and additional Crisis Intervention Training sessions.

II. **Fiscal Implications of Proposal**

Funds in the amount of \$256,954.76 will be transferred from the Telephone Revenue Account to the appropriate Erie County Sheriff's Office and County accounts. No taxpayer funds will be utilized.

III. **Reasons for Recommendation**

ADA Van - Although the Sheriff's Office is not mandated to have an ADA compliant transport vehicle, the Jail Management Division has been forced to utilize a private transport company to transport an inmate. The proposed vehicle would comply with all ADA requirements while still serving as a transport vehicle when there is not an inmate with special needs - \$ 48,040.00 Account 561440 (equipped van, graphics, emergency lights, and radio)

Security Video Upgrade – the Department of Public Works and the Sheriff's Office are upgrading and adding security cameras to the Erie County Holding Center and the Correctional Facility. Funds will be used to integrate existing cameras into current video management system, increase data storage for videos, and add cameras to public and secure areas of the facilities - \$52,000.00 Fund 410, 122 Dep. of Public Works, A.11007 (estimate from DPW)

Mail Screening Equipment – Last year, the Jail Management Division purchased the same equipment for the Erie County Holding Center. The machine and software system is successful in detecting opiate contraband attempted to be smuggled into the facilities via U.S. Mail parcels. The purchase of a separate mail screening device for the correctional facility will enhance security measures as well as make the process more efficient - \$131,985.00 Account 561410 (screener, shipping, 2-year software service agreement)

Crisis Intervention Training – In March 2017, the Sheriff's Office announced the first round of mental health intervention training for jail personnel. The Sheriff's Office is seeking the transfer of funds to host another round of training for an additional thirty (30) Deputies and Corrections Officers - \$15,000 Account 510200 (estimate from Crisis Services)

Stainless Steel Tables – the Erie County Correctional Facility is seeking to replace and add inmate common area tables with attached seats - \$9,929.76 Account 561410 (NYS Contract #PC66306)

IV. Consequences of Negative Action

The Sheriff's Office will be unable to purchase the needed equipment and train Deputies and Corrections Officers in life-saving techniques.

V. Steps Following Approval of Measure

Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, County Attorney, Division of Budget and Management, Erie County Comptroller, Division of Purchase, and the Sheriff's Office for implementation.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the Jail Management Division (JMD) finds it necessary to make certain purchases for the safe and efficient operation of the Erie County Holding Center and Erie County Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office is not mandated to operate an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant transport vehicle, however recently, inmates with special needs have forced the Sheriff's Office to utilize transport services for movement of inmates with special needs; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office proposes purchasing an ADA compliant van that can be used to transport both inmates with special needs and without; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works and the Sheriff's Office have agreed to expand Capital Project A.11007 and enhance security camera coverage and data storage at the Erie County Holding Center and the Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, the expansion will provide addition cameras and public and secure areas of the facilities and provide upgrades to allow existing cameras to interface with video management system; and

WHEREAS, last year, the JMD purchased the same machine and has experience success in stemming the introduction of contraband through U.S. Mail parcels; and

WHEREAS, the new machine will be placed at the Erie County Correctional Facility to increase anti-contraband efforts and make the process more efficient; and

WHEREAS, the correctional facility needs to replace damaged inmate common area table in some of the units; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has successfully trained thirty (30) Deputies and Corrections Officers through Crisis Services' mental health intervention training; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office seeks to train an additional 30 officers; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with COMM. 6E-24, 2013, the County Executive and the Sheriff agree that telephone revenue should be dedicated to the operation of the holding center and the correctional facility and recommend the transfer of funds to purchase aforementioned items to ensure inmate welfare; and

WHEREAS, the balance of the Telephone Revenue account is \$898,049.96, and

WHEREAS, there will be no impact on county tax dollars with the appropriation of the Jail Telephone Revenue funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that \$256,954.76 in available Telephone Revenue Funds are hereby transferred to the appropriate Erie County Sheriff's Office and County accounts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the legislature does hereby authorize the following budgetary transactions:

**Erie County Sheriff's Office Division of Jail Management
Fund 110, Fund Center 116**

<u>REVENUE</u>		<u>INCREASE</u>
415622	Jail Phone Revenue	<u>\$ 256,954.76</u>
<u>APPROPRIATION</u>		<u>INCREASE</u>
510200	Training and Education	\$ 15,000.00
561410	Lab & Technical Equipment	\$ 141,914.76
561440	Motor Vehicles	\$ 48,040.00
570050	Interfund Transfer Subsidy - Capital	\$ 52,000.00
Total Appropriations		<u>\$ 256,954.76</u>

; and be it further

**Erie County Department of Public Works
Fund 410, Fund Center 122
Project A.11007**

2011 Video & Door Control Upgrades – CF & HC

<u>REVENUE</u>		<u>INCREASE</u>
486000	Interfund Transfer Subsidy	<u>\$ 52,000.00</u>
<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>		<u>INCREASE</u>
516020	Pro Ser Cnt and Fees	<u>\$ 52,000.00</u>

; and be it further

RESOLVED, the legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive to enter into a two-year contract, with an option for an additional three years, with ChemImage Sensor Systems, LLC for purchase of the mail screener detection equipment as well as for software service agreements; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Division of Budget and Management is authorized to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this transfer should there be any unforeseen issues; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Sheriff's Office and the Division of Budget and Management are authorized to have any unused funding either remain in or returned to Telephone Revenue account; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Comptroller's Office is hereby authorized to release the designated funds and make payments as necessary; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies be forwarded to the Division of Budget and Management, the County Executive, the Erie County Comptroller, the Division of Purchase and the Chief of Administration of the Sheriff Office for implementation.